Funds to Himachal Pradesh for education

400. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh for education during the last five years, district-wise;

(b) the criteria followed by Government for release of such funds;

(c) the details of various education schemes of Government in the State; and

(d) the monitoring mechanism in place for effective implementation of such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) State-wise budget allocations are not made under the schemes administered by the Department. Grants are released to State Government keeping in view the proposals received from them, availability of resources and progress of utilization of funds earlier released under each scheme.

(c) and (d) Various schemes/programmes are under implementation in different States. The details are available in the Annual Reports of the Ministry for the different years. The Planning Commission has introduced a system of Quarterly Performance Review of the physical and financial progress of plan schemes/Programmes. Besides, a Monthly Report on status of implementation of schemes has been prescribed for quarterly/ half yearly review at appropriate levels. A Management Information System has been introduced at district level for monitoring of the District Primary Education Programme. Moreover, an "Area Officers Schemes" has been introduced under which officers are required to visit their allotted States for monitoring implementation of various schemes.

Objective of National Assessment and Accreditation Council

401. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objective and purpose of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council; and

(b) the criteria and principles adopted by the Council to assess the eligibility of an institution to receive its accreditation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) assesses and accredits universities/university level institutions recognised by UGC and colleges affiliated to recognised universities, with an objective of helping them to work continuously to improve upon the quality of teaching and research. The minimum eligibility criteria for assessment is that an institution should have completed five years of standing or two batches of passes out students. Assessment is a performance evaluation of an institution and/or its units and is accomplished through a process based on self-study and peer review using defined criteria such as curricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research consultancy and extension, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, organisation and management, healthy practices, etc.

Privatisation of college/university education

402. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under active consideration to privatise college and university education in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal from Government of India to privatise higher education.

Inclusion of sports upto class XII

403. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a lively debate was on whether sports should be made compulsory till class XII; and